

**City of Cottage Grove
Parks, Recreation & Natural Resources Commission
November 14, 2005**

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a regular meeting of the Parks, Recreation, and Natural Resources Commission was duly held at City Hall, 7516 – 80th Street South, Cottage Grove, Minnesota, on the 14th day of November, 2005.

Chair Bob Davy called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Bob Davy, Allan Dubois, Keith Kleinsasser, Bill Haluzak , Paul Poncin,

MEMBERS ABSENT: Ryan Simmers,

OTHERS PRESENT: Senior Planner John Burbank
Ice Arena/Park & Recreation Manager Zac Dockter
City Council Member Karla Bigham

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Agenda approved as presented.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approved by Paul Poncin, October 10, 2005 minutes as mailed Second by Keith Kleinsasser, motion carried

OPEN FORUM

None

OLD BUSINESS

A. Outlot B Timber Ridge 4th Addition - update

John Burbank gave a brief update to the commission on the status of Outlot B Timber Ridge 4th Addition, and notified the commission that more information will be to come at the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Cottage Grove Trailway Corridor Prairie Restoration

Zac Dockter gave the presentation of the proposed Prairie Restoration of the Cottage Grove Trailway Corridor. This included a lengthy discussion with concerned citizens many of whom live adjacent to the Corridor. Some of the concerns were with increased allergens, increase of pests, chemicals being used, and the future of the trail. Dockter addressed concerns. The commission and staff agree that it is still best to move forward with this project.

B. Aspen Cove Sketch Plan

Burbank discussed how the development of this area addresses camels hump overlook in regards to the park and open space and trail plan for that area. As that development continues to proceed, the park access will become available and development of that park will begin to take place.

C. North Ideal Park Recreation Equipment

Zac Dockter presented for options for replacement for the park equipment at the North Ideal Park. Staff recommended option one with Miracle Equipment from Webber Recreational Company. Recommendation from Paul Poncin, to move ahead with the replacement and the new playground equipment as staff recommended. Seconded by Allan Dubois, motion carried.

D. Dedicated Land Property Line Monumentation

John Burbank reviewed memo presented in packet. Staff proposes that future commercial and residential developments be required to supply uniform property line monumentation that identifies all public property and designated wet lands as a part of that subdivision process. This issue has come to light recently, as staff has been working diligently to shore up some of the encroachment problems that have been taking place on the city's parks and open space properties. Motion by Paul Poncin to recommend to city council to lineate uniform park property line monumentation and future developments and also make an effort to retro fit that design for existing city property. Seconded by Keith Kleinsasser, motion carried.

E. Capital Improvement Plan- Park Summary

Zac Dockter briefly reviewed the Capital Improvement Plan which was being submitted to city council in December. He highlighted some of the park and open space and park development projects that are in that plan. Informational only.

REPORTS

A. Golf Division

No comments.

B. Ice Arena Division

No comments.

C. Parks Division

No comments.

D. Recreation Programming Division

No comments.

E. Planning Commission

No comments.

F. Historic Preservation

No comments.

G. Council Agendas

No comments.

H. Monday News

No comments.

I. CGAA

No comments.

PARK PLANNING/MANAGEMENT EDUCATION MATERIALS

None

COMMISSION COMMENTS

None.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Council member Bigham stated that the council approved the sale of the Pine Coulee Park parcel which was recommended from the parks commission earlier this summer. That land will be sold soon. She also mentioned that the council approved the first phase of the East Ravine Parkway and more of that design process will be submitted to the Parks Commission for review in the near future. Bigham also mentioned that the city council is going to be working hard on the CIP in the next couple meetings.

STAFF COMMENTS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Motioned by Allan Dubois, seconded by Keith Kleinsasser, motion carried at 8:48pm.